

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: December 10, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In connection with the hearing which was to be held on December 12, 1968, at which time Judge Battle of the State Court was to inquire of Attorney Percy Foreman as to whether he is ready to proceed with trial on March 3, we have been advised there may be some delay.

SAC Jensen stated, according to information he received from the State's Attorney General and the Sheriff's Office, it appears Foreman will not show on Thursday, December 12, 1968, inasmuch as he has some commitments on the West Coast. If he does not, the hearing has been set for December 16, 1968.

The State also feels that Judge Battle is annoyed with the dilly-dallying on the part of the defense and is considering asking a public defender to appear in court, at which time he will instruct that the public defender be prepared to proceed with trial. This would not seem to be too logical a course. (This does not seem to be too logical a course inasmuch as the defendant is entitled to an attorney of his own choice in the event he has the ability to pay for it.)

It is also understood Percy Foreman has not asked to see any of the evidence nor has he conducted any investigation or interview of witnesses. He has, however, placed a lien on the Ford Mustang which was purchased by Ray and which was found in Atlanta.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

For your information.

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